

# **2011 Families & Education Levy Planning**

## **Priorities and Implementation Principles**

**Goal for our City: All students in Seattle will graduate from high school college/career ready.**

### **What results we expect from the 2011 Families and Education Levy**

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Levy-funded programs will help improve:

- Children's readiness for school
- Students' academic achievement and reduction of the academic achievement gap
- Students' graduation from high school and preparation for college/career

### **Priorities for Levy funding**

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- Children at risk, including English Language Learners
- Schools with the highest level of academic need
- Children birth to age 5 likely to attend low performing schools
- Students with the highest level of academic need
- Maximizing impact by funding a targeted number of schools and students
- Build on the success of previous investments, where possible
- Use evidence-based and/or promising practices to improve academic outcomes
- Invest in family strengthening practices

### **Implementation principles**

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- Use an accountability structure based on student outcomes, indicators and performance-based contracts
- Encourage course corrections to improve outcomes; defund projects that do not achieve outcomes
- Report on student performance at least annually
- Continue data-sharing agreement with Seattle Public Schools
- Maximize partnerships to achieve outcomes
- Provide support for innovative academic strategies aimed at dramatically improving academic achievement
- Help support academic elements of place-based community strategies for transformation of schools or feeder patterns of schools